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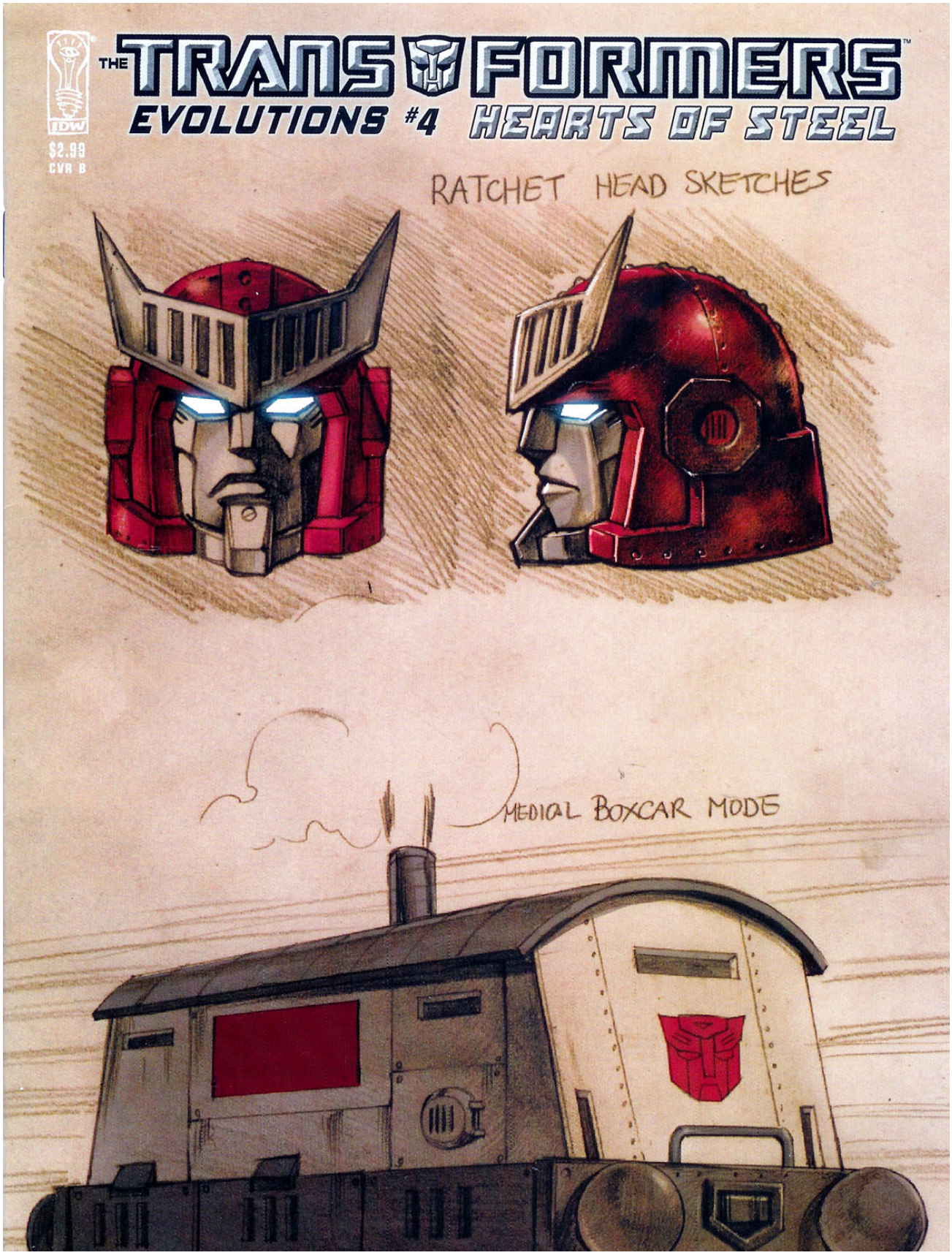

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PREPARE THE CANNON AND FIRE!
LAWD A'MIGHTY!
PREPARE AND...

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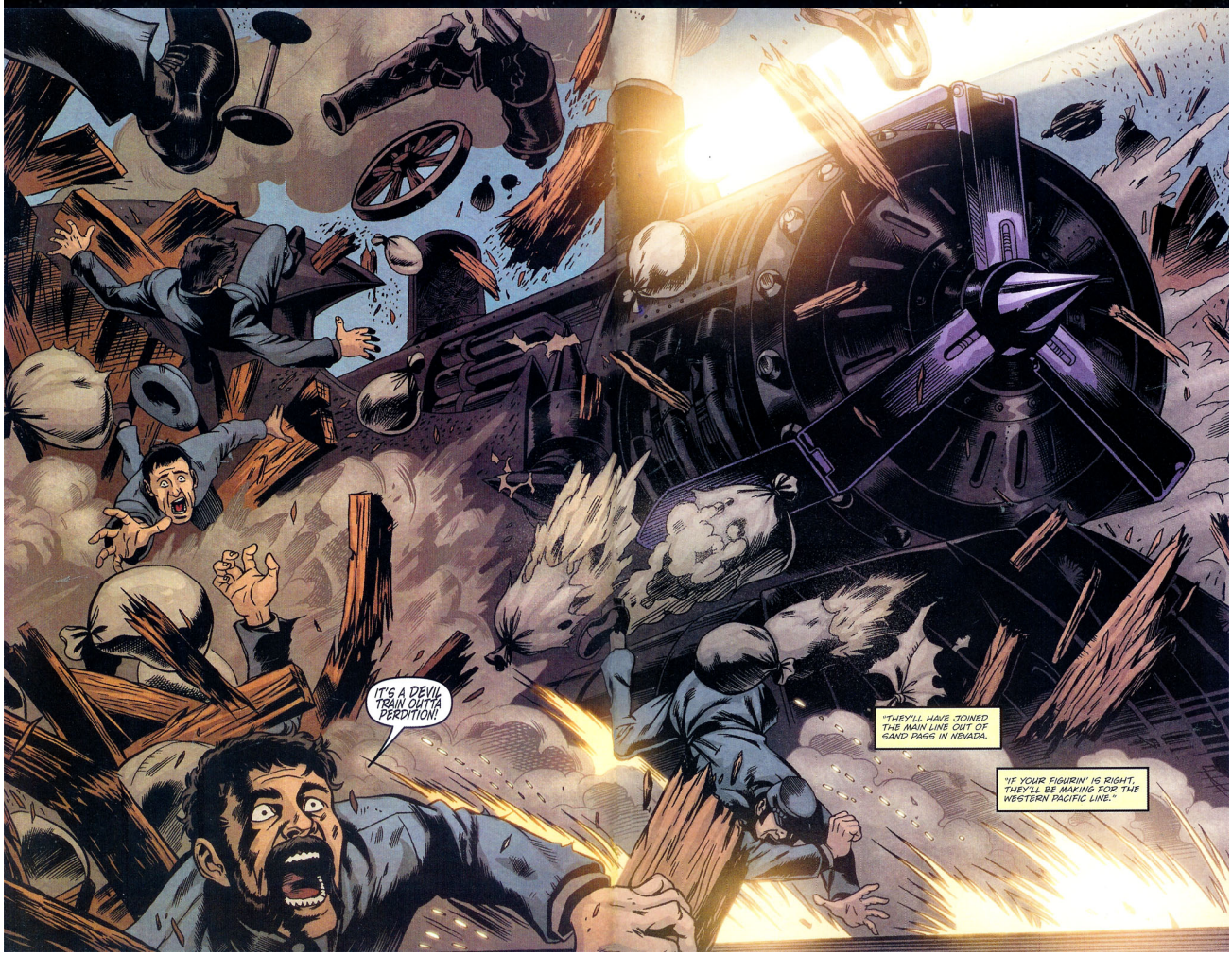
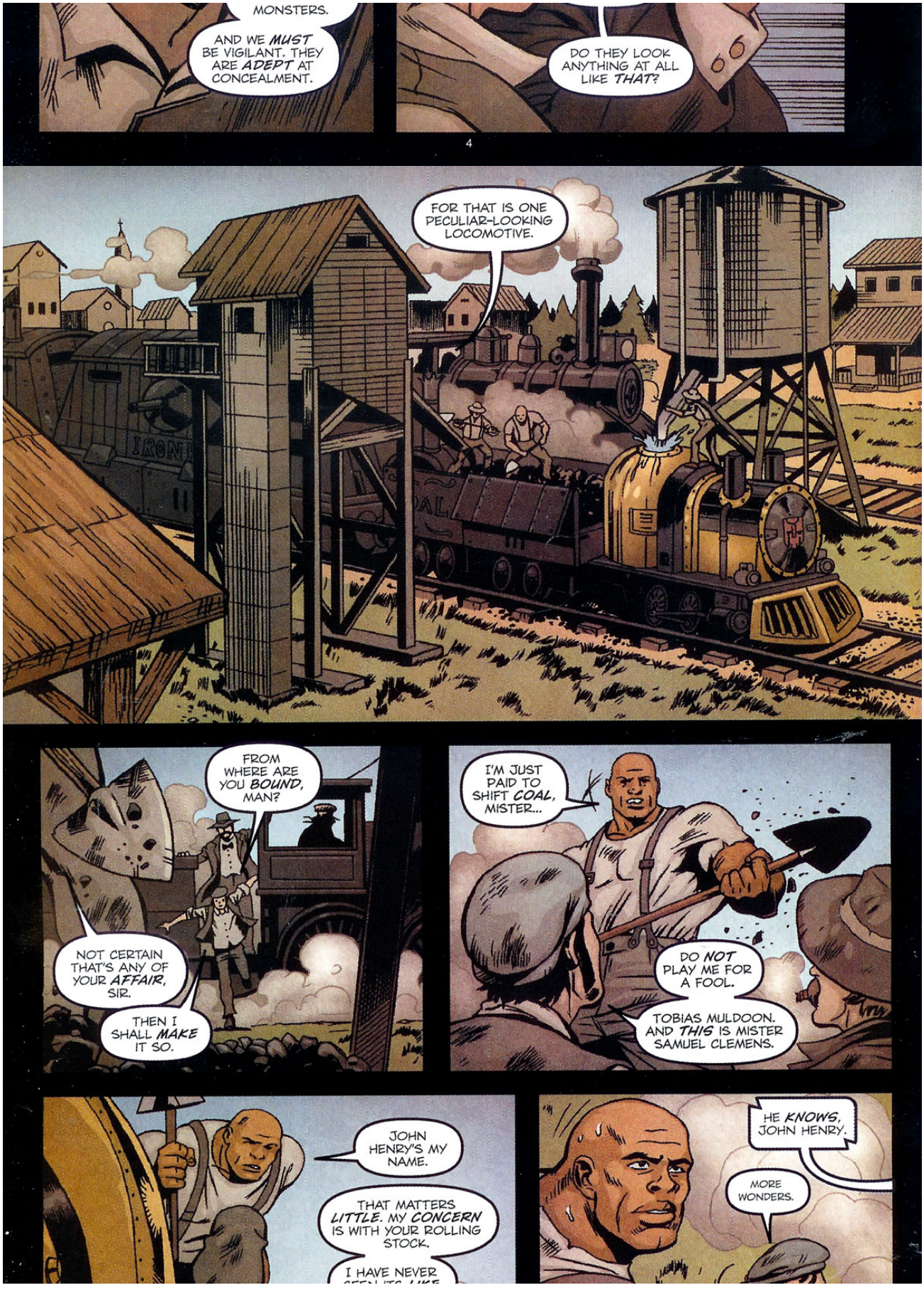
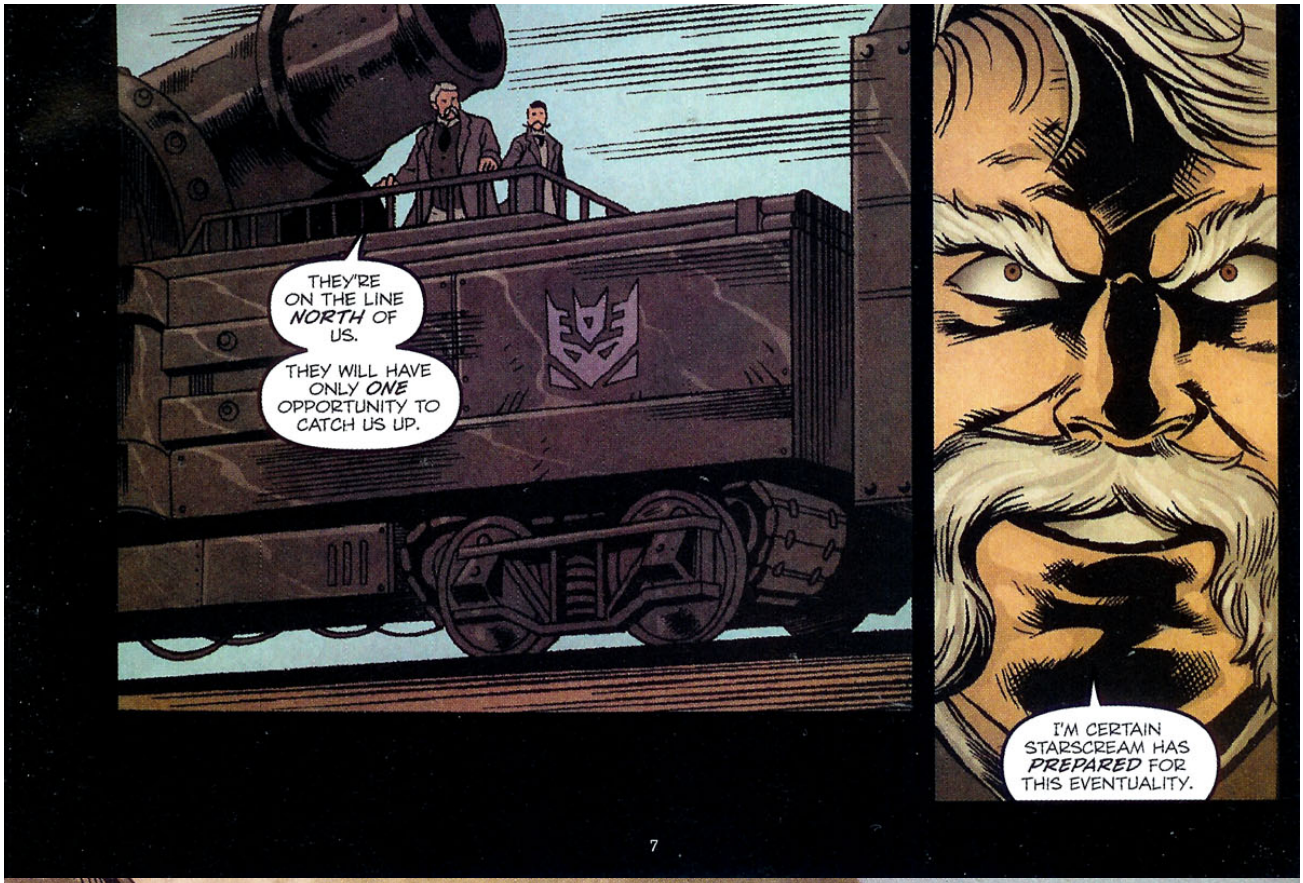

IT'S A DEVIL TRAIN OUTTA PERDITION!
"THEY'LL HAVE JOINED THE MAIN LINE OUT OF SAND PASS IN NEVADA.
"IF YOUR FIGURIN' IS RIGHT, THEY'LL BE MAKING FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC LINE."

AND FROM THERE THE CENTRAL PACIFIC AND EAST.
EVEN HIGHBALLIN' LIKE THIS, IT'LL BE SATAN TO PAY TO CATCH THEM UP.
YOU'LL BURN THIS STEAMWAGON OUT LONG BEFORE THEN, TOBIAS.
KINDLY KEEP YOUR PESSIMISM TO YOURSELF, MR. CLEMENS.
A HAND WITH A SHOVEL WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL.
WE MUST CATCH UP WITH THE MECHANIZED
WELL, SON...


MONSTERS.
AND WE MUST BE VIGILANT. THEY ARE ADEPT AT CONCEALMENT.
DO THEY LOOK ANYTHING AT ALL LIKE THAT?
4
FOR THAT IS ONE PECULIAR-LOOKING LOCOMOTIVE.
FROM WHERE ARE YOU BOUND, MAN?
NOT CERTAIN THAT'S ANY OF YOUR AFFAIR, SIR.
THEN I SHALL MAKE IT SO.
I'M JUST PAID TO SHIFT COAL, MISTER...
DO NOT PLAY ME FOR A FOOL.
TOBIAS MULDOON. AND THIS IS MISTER SAMUEL CLEMENS.
JOHN HENRY'S MY NAME.
THAT MATTERS LITTLE. MY CONCERN IS WITH YOUR ROLLING STOCK.
I HAVE NEVER
HE KNOWS, JOHN HENRY.
MORE WONDERS.

SEEN ITS LIKE AND–
5
WE ARE THE AUTOBOTS.
YOU KNOW OF US. DO YOU KNOW OUR MISSION?
YOU'RE NOT DECEPTICONS? YOU'RE NOT THE SAME AS STARSCREAM AND THE OTHERS?
WE ARE PURSUING THEM WITH THE AIM OF STOPPING THEIR PROGRESS TO NEW YORK.
JOIN US, TOBIAS MULDOON AND FRIEND.
WE'RE ROLLIN' FOR BRIGHAM CITY TO HEAD THEM JASPERS OFF.

JOIN FORCES.
A LIVING MACHINE—WITH ITS OWN WILL—ITS OWN THOUGHTS—
6
WE WILL JOIN YOU.
TO UTAH OR RUINATION!
DANG.
I'D NEVER'VE BELIEVED IT—MACHINES THAT TALK—
MR. BONAVENTURE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT—
TAP-TAPPA-TAPPA-TAP.
"—MECHANIZED GIANTS TAKING COAL IN WILTON NEVADA. STOP."
THIS TELEGRAM WAS SENT ONLY AN HOUR AGO, VANFLEET.
WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, MR. BONAVENTURE?


THEY'RE ON THE LINE NORTH OF US.
THEY WILL HAVE ONLY ONE OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH US UP.
I'M CERTAIN STARSCREAM HAS PREPARED FOR THIS EVENTUALITY.

WHAT ARE THEY ABOUT NOW, SIR?
THE INVENTIVENESS OF THESE DECEPTICONS IS LIMITLESS.
A NEVER-ENDING GENESIS OF GEARS AND ENGINES AND DEVICES.

BUT WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT, THEY *SURPASS* THEMSELVES.

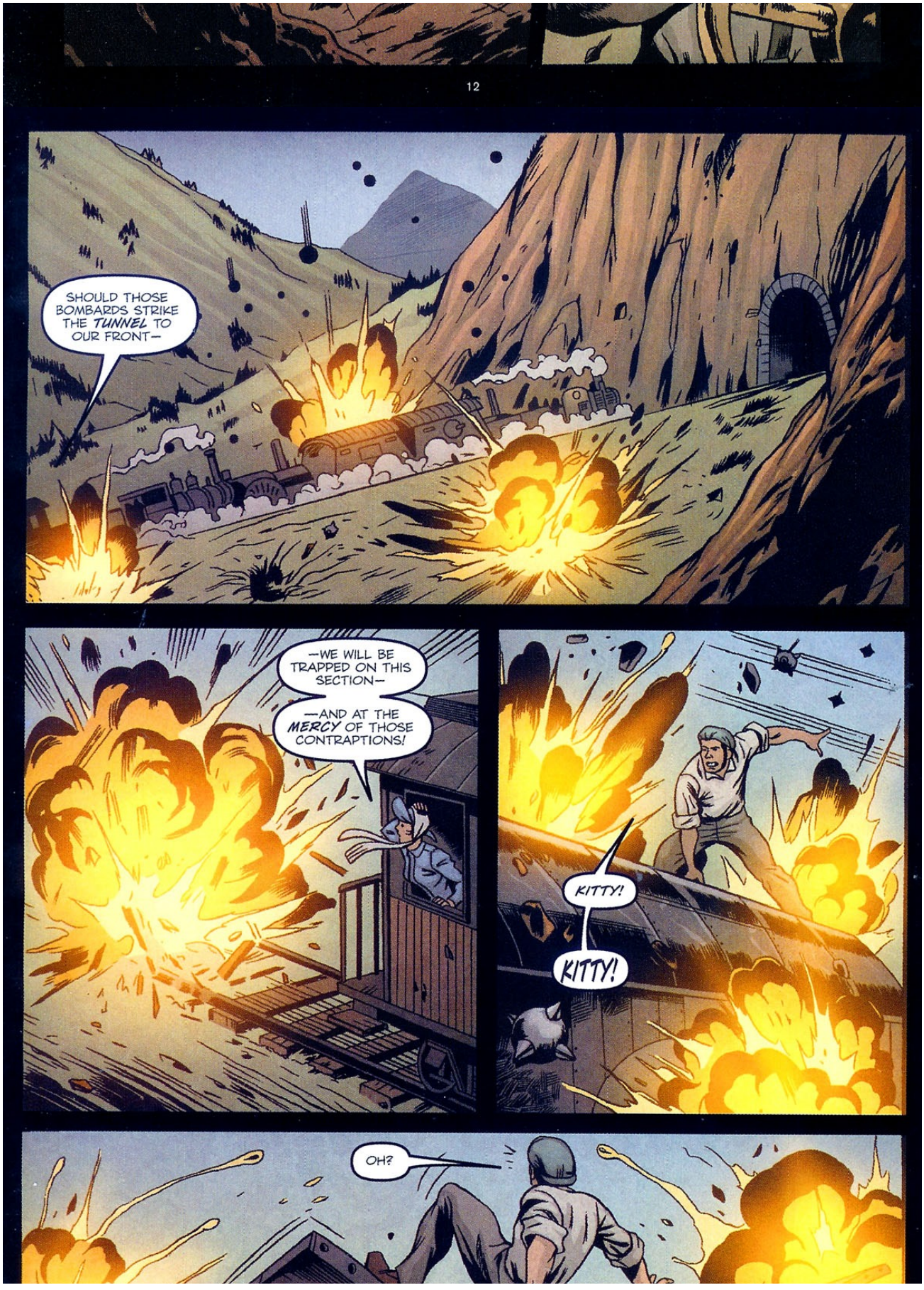
"I CAN HARDLY *CREDIT* WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND US.
"A WORLD OF INTELLIGENT MACHINES EXISTING *HIDDEN*

AMONG US.
"A WAR RAGING WITH THE FATE OF MAN AND NATURE AT STAKE."
IT IS AS IF, IN A MATTER OF MERE DAYS, THE WORLD HAS BECOME A STRANGER TO ME.
FATHER!

LESS TALK AND MORE COAL!
WE MUST MATCH BUMBLEBEE'S SPEED!
DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN, MR. TWAIN?
I AM BLESSED WITH A DAUGHTER AS WELL, MR. MERRIWEATHER.
"BLESSED." HMPH!
I MUST CONFESS, SIR.
IT AMUSES ME TO SEE A ROBBER BARON SUCH AS YOURSELF SHIFTING COAL.
YOU'VE SEEN THESE DECEPTICONS, TOBIAS?

COAL
I HAVE, JOHN
THEY ARE AS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR AUTOBOT FRIENDS AS IS A KITTEN FROM A BENGAL TIGER.
THOMAS EDISON HAS COMPLETED AN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITY IN NEW YORK.
SHOULD THOSE MONSTERS REACH THAT SOURCE OF UNLIMITED POWER THEN YOU WILL READILY WITNESS THAT DIFFERENCE.
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T REACH THE BIG CITY.
JOHN HENRY! YOU GOTTA LOOK SKYWARD!
JUMPIN' JIMMIES!

THEY GOT A MACHINE THAT CAN *FLY*!
THOSE'RE *BOMBS*!
ONE OF THEM STRIKES US AN' WE'RE DEAD FOR *SURE*!
MORE *STEAM*, CLETUS!
ULP!
OUR ONLY PRAYER IS TO *OUTRUN* THAT HORROR!


SHOULD THOSE BOMBARDS STRIKE THE TUNNEL TO OUR FRONT—
—WE WILL BE TRAPPED ON THIS SECTION—
—AND AT THE MERCY OF THOSE CONTRAPTIONS!
KITTY!
KITTY!
OH?

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WELL DONE!
TOBIAS!
WILL YOU KINDLY SEEK COVER, MISS MERRIWEATHER!
PLEASE, DAUGHTER!
UH!

WE ARE STILL IN GRAVE DANGER!

KITTY!

I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU, TOBIAS!
NEVER THAT EASILY, MY DEAR!

LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU'VE GAINED A SON-IN-LAW FROM ALL THIS, MERRIWEATHER.
AND I

COULD NOT BE MORE PLEASED.
YOU HEAR THAT?
I HEAR IT.
AND I DON'T LIKE IT.

YOU'VE STOPPED THEM *COLD*, STARSCREAM.
PREPARE THE GUNS AND FIRE AGAIN.
THE TUNNEL IS *CLOSED OFF!*
WHAT IN TARNATION *WAS* THAT?
LET'S GET TO WORK *CLEARIN'* THAT OPENING—
—AND FRET OVER WHAT *CAUSED* IT LATER.
TAKE CAUTION NOT TO COLLAPSE THE TUNNEL.

THERE ARE HUMANS TRAPPED INSIDE AS WELL AS OUR BROTHER AUTOBOTS.
THAT HIGH WHISTLIN' SOUND—
—MORE OF THEM CANNON SHELLS ON THE WAY.
THEM DECEPTICONS ARE SET ON BLOWIN' US TO PIECES.
WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING!
INDEED WE DO, JOHN HENRY.

JOHN, WHERE YOU HEADIN'?
ME AN' BUMBLEBEE ARE GONNA CUT THEM JASPERS OFF!
WHAT DO WE DO?
ADD A NEW VERSE TO THAT SONG OF YOURS!
WE HAVE ENDED THEIR PURSUIT.
WE ROLL ON.
NOT WITHOUT US, MR. STARSCREAM!
NEXT STOP, NEW YORK CITY.
AND NOTHING TO STOP US!
A NEW AGE, VANFLEET. WITH JACOB LEE BONAVENTURE AS ITS SCION.
BUMBLEBEE!
THAT ASTROTRAIN IS ON THE GRADING BELOW!

ARE YOU CERTAIN OF THIS, JOHN HENRY?
I LAID THIS TRACK, FRIEND.
I KNOW EVERY FOOT OF IT!
WE JOIN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC MAIN LINE AHEAD!
THERE'S A BRAKE SIDING JUST BEYOND.
THAT INFERNAL YELLOW LOCOMOTIVE!
IT'S GETTING THE BEST OF US, MR. BONAVENTURE!
POUR ON THE STEAM, BUMBLEBEE!

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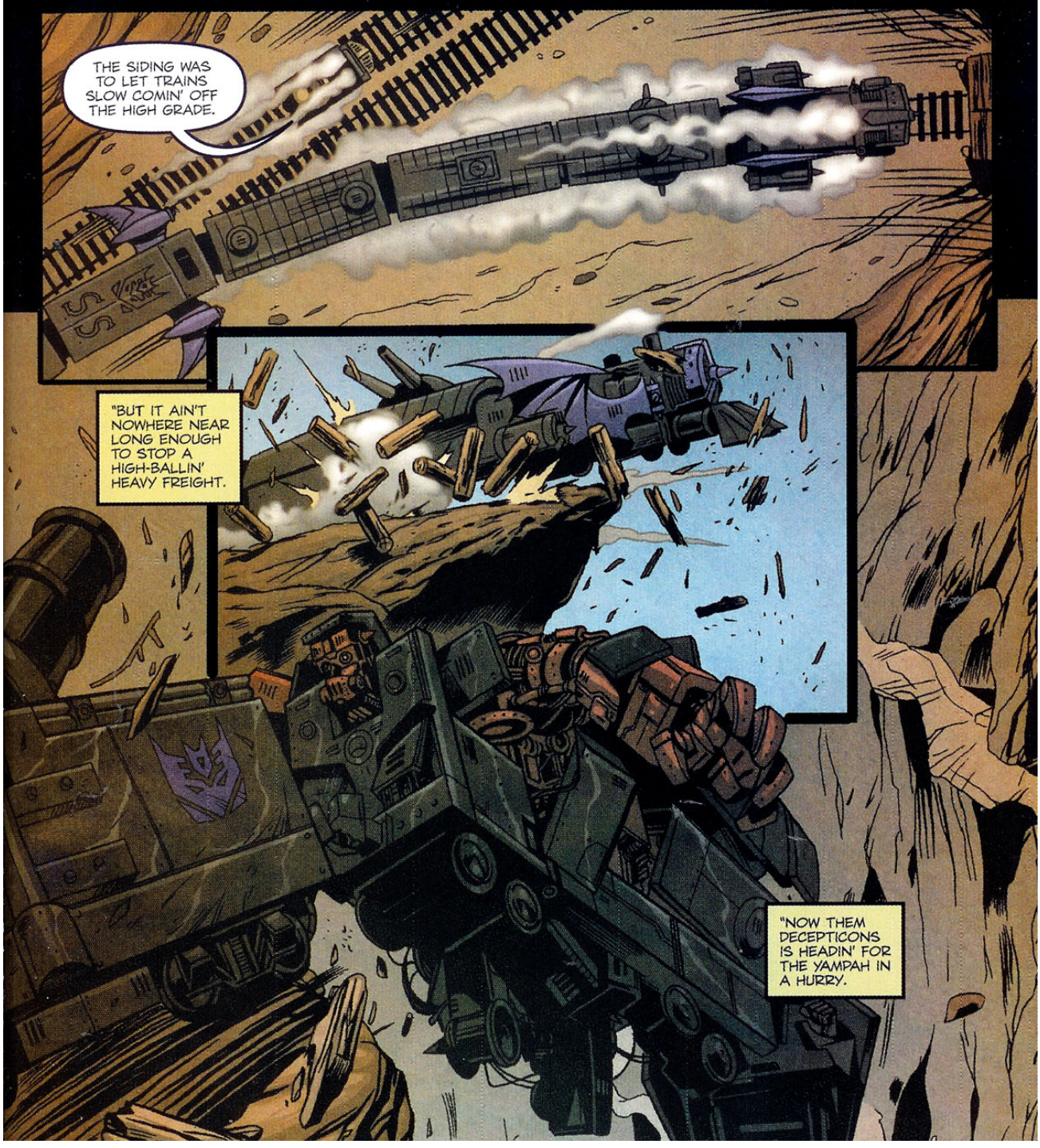

"AN' I HOPE THEY HIT EVER' ROCK ON THE WAY DOWN."
ALMOST—
—THERE!
ANYONE THERE?
HERE, FRIEND.
BUT—
—WHERE HAVE THE AUTOBOTS GONE?
BACK TO THEIR REST NOW THAT THEIR ENEMIES HAVE BEEN DEFEATED.
THEY'LL CARRY ON THEIR FIGHT IN ANOTHER TIME, I RECKON.

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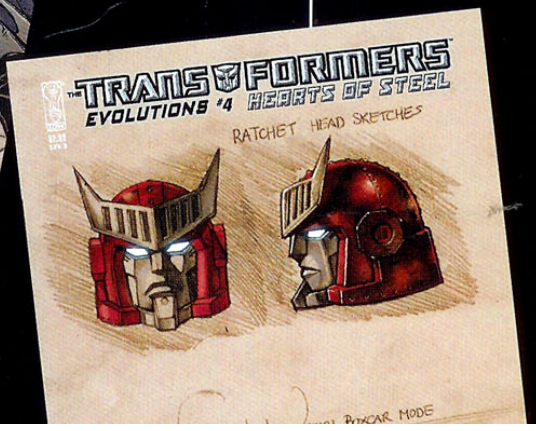

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